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materials to inspect the relevance indicated during international examination with respect to the documents cited therein.

JP 11-302219, accompanied by an English language abstract and family members EP 0 970 693A1, U.S. Patent Nos. 6,313,214 B1 and 6,384,074 B1, which is cited and discussed in the specification beginning on page 2, line 1;

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JP 9-291011, accompanied by and English language abstract;

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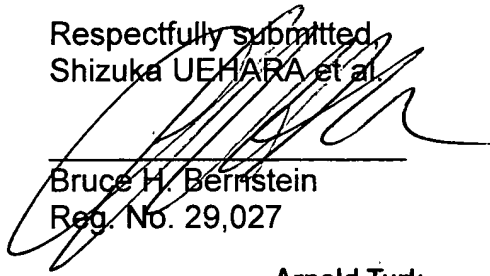
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